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corrupt city from which I hale. The headline in the Lincoln Journal-Star. "Big Bucks Spent on Omaha Tax Request." You have some of the highest powered lobbyists in this state hired, I guess \$100,000 is going to be split among them, to get the Legislature to allow Omaha to raise the sales tax, which I intend to fight tooth and nail. And now, brothers and sisters, you'll see why the World-Herald was so busy trying to prod this Legislature into shutting me up. I'll fight that tax. I'm not intimidated by the Chamber of Commerce, I'm not intimidated by the big shot lobbyists or anybody else. And I'm going to fight it tooth and nail. They looked down the line. This is what they had in mind, one of them, that they don't like that I stopped. And in some of their editorials they mentioned that I have stopped Omaha from getting another half cent sales tax. So you have these people saying, on the one hand, we don't want to raise the taxes right now, because we've talked about a tax cut, then they get together and set up an operation called mockery. think that's very appropriate. Mockery is the act...oh, not mockery, I'm sorry, mocsea, m-o-c-s-e-a, I guess they pronounce "moxie." But it takes a lot of moxie, m-o-x-e-y or m-o-x-y to do this kind of hypocritical thing. I don't blame the lobbyists, they're guns for hire, they'll work for anybody who will give them the money, anybody. The price is right, I'm for sale. They got a sign on them, rent me, and I don't care what you want done, I will do it, give me the money. I'll walk on the poor, I'll fight for the most regressive tax, just give me the money. And this again is coming out of the big city, the big city, Omaha. And watch how many Omaha senators latch onto this. But I see my friend, Senator Will, already saying that although he signed onto the bill, he's not necessarily for it. That's strange, but I guess maybe it isn't. I'm going to talk about these things all session. You all kick my teeth in for six and a half days. My gums are just now starting to heal a little bit, and I plan to talk. And I'm going to irritate the World-Herald editorial board, all those little editors on all these little newspapers in these jerkwater towns, and they don't like that word. They ought to look it up in the dictionary, they use it. I said that when they persuaded this Legislature to do what they tried to get them to do to me, they poisoned the Now that the water hole is poisoned, all bets are off. I'm going to be nice guy this morning, though, "wizard...